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SUBJECT: MISSILE TECHNOLOGY CONTROL REGIME (MTCR): U.S.  
PAPER ON HIGH PERFORMANCE STEELS FOR MISSILE APPLICATIONS -  
FRENCH POC RESPONSE (C)

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Classified By: ESTH/NP COUNSELOR ROBERT W. DRY, REASONS 1.4 B, C, & D

1. (C) On August 30, ESTH/NP Counselor provided French MTCR Point-of-Contact David Bertolotti subject paper on high performance steels for missile applications for the September Madrid MTCR Plenary Information Exchange session. Bertolotti said that while he would distribute it, he considered it unlikely to reach MTCR capitals in time to be read for the upcoming Madrid Plenary. The problem is that the 'old-fashioned' distribution system whereby Paris-based MTCR country representatives (Points-of-Contact) pick up the classified MTCR documents at the MFA and often pouch them to respective foreign offices takes upwards of a week. Accordingly, Bertolotti suggested that the USG request the MTCR Secretariat in Madrid to prepare the subject document for dissemination at the Plenary itself. Likewise, he urged that any additional USG documents for the Plenary Information Exchange be henceforth directed to the Madrid Secretariat.

2. (C) ESTH/NP Counselor received from the MFA a number of documents for the Plenary meetings which Embassy will secure fax to NP/CBM forthwith. The package contains French government submissions which Bertolotti asked be highlighted as of interest to the USG.  
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